

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Transportation**

**CS/CS/HB 369 — Human Trafficking**

by Economic Affairs Committee; Transportation and Ports Subcommittee; and Reps. Kerner, Spano, and others (CS/SB 534 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Latvala and Sobel)

The bill seeks to heighten public awareness regarding human trafficking in the State of Florida. The bill:

- Requires development of public awareness signs according to certain specifications, containing specific information for contacting the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, as well as other means for accessing help and services;
- Requires the Florida Department of Transportation to display a public awareness sign in every rest area, turnpike service plaza, weigh station, primary airport, passenger rail station, and welcome center open to the public in the state;
- Requires emergency rooms to display a public awareness sign in emergency rooms at general acute care hospitals;
- Requires employers to display a public awareness sign in a conspicuous location clearly visible to the public and employees of a strip club or other adult entertainment establishment, and at a business or establishment that offers massage or bodywork services for compensation that is not owned by a regulated health care profession; and
- Authorizes a county commission to adopt an ordinance to enforce employer signage violations, which are noncriminal violations punishable by a \$500 fine.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0*